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SUBJECT: GIEREK DISCUSSES RELATIONS WITH FRG

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: GIEREK' S SPEECH IN POZNAN STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING THE PROCESS OF " NORMALIZATION" OF FRG RELATIONS WITH THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES. HIS REMARKS ON POLISH- FRG RELATIONS SHOWED CONTINUED POLISH DISSATISFACTION WITH THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS, BUT AT THE SAME TIME A DESIRE TO PURSUE THE DIALOGUE AND CARRY THE PROCESS OF " NORMALIZATION" FURTHER. END SUMMARY

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2. THE POLISH FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK IN A SPEECH TO A PARTY REPORTING- ELECTORAL CONFERENCE IN POZNAN ON MARCH 22 DEVOTED SOME WORDS TO THE FRG' S RELATIONS WITH THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES AND WITH POLAND IN PARTICULAR. THE SPEECH, WHICH DEALT LARGELY WITH DOMESTIC MATTERS (WE ASSUME FBIS CARRIED THE TEXT), CONCLUDED WITH A DISCUSSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE FRG.

3. GIEREK SAID IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THE NORMALIZATION PROCESS IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE FRG AND THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES BE CARRIED OUT TO ITS CONCLUSION. HE CALLED FOR A RAPID SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE FRG AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA THROUGH RECOGNITION OF THE NON- VALIDITY OF THE MUNICH TREATY (NO MENTION OF AB INITIO), FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GDR- FRB TREATY, AND FOR ADMISSION OF BOTH GERMAN STATES TO THE UN.

4. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LASTING PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE BETWEEN POLAND AND THE FRG, GIEREK SAID, WAS A VITAL INTEREST FOR BOTH COUNTRIES AND FOR EUROPE. HOWEVER, THE 1970 TREATY AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS HAD MERELY LAID A FOUNDATION. THE BILL OF ACCOUNTS FOR WRONGS AND LOSSES SUFFERED BY THE POLISH PEOPLE AS THE RESULT OF THE CRIMES OF HITLERISM, " WHICH FOR A LONG TIME YET WILL BE FELT BY OUR SOCIETY", HAD NOT YET BEEN SETTLED. THESE, HE SAID, ARE " MATTERS OF GREAT WEIGHT FROM THE POLITICAL AND MORAL POINT OF VIEW."

5. REGARDING TRADE, HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN AN IMPORTANT INCREASE IN RECENT YEARS BETWEEN POLAND AND THE FRG, WHICH SHOULD CONTINUE AND SHOULD EMBRACE " NEW FORMS", PARTICULARLY THAT OF INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION. HOWEVER, THIS REQUIRES RESOLUTION OF A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS WHICH UP TO NOW HAVE SERIOUSLY LIMITED THESE RELATIONS.

6. GIEREK CONCLUDED THAT ALL THESE PROBLEMS WERE KNOWN TO THE FRG GOVERNMENT AND THAT FURTHER TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE REQUIRED.

7. COMMENT: THIS IS THE MOST EXTENSIVE AND AUTHORITATIVE PUBLIC COMMENTARY ON POLISH- FRG RELATIONS MADE HERE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOME TIME. WHILE IT CONTAINS NOTHING NEW, IT SEEMS TO

SUM UP FAIRLY CLEARLY WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE CURRENT POLISH ATTITUDE: DISSATISFACTION WITH THE PRESENT STATE OF RELATIONS, A HOPE TO ADVANCE THE "NORMALIZATION" PROCESS FURTHER, AND A DESIRE TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE, NOTWITHSTANDING THE APPARENT LACK OF PROGRESS IN THE TALKS HELD HERE LAST MONTH (BONN 2341). NOT SURPRISINGLY, GIEREK MADE NO MENTION OF THE EMIGRATION OF " ETHNIC GERMANS", BUT HIS INDIRECT ALLUSION TO THE NEED FOR COMPENSATION TO POLISH VICTIMS WAS CLEAR ENOUGH.

8. AS A FOOTNOTE FRG CHARGE SIKORA

LAST EVENING TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT POLISH VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE STRZELECKI WAS LEAVING FOR BONN TODAY, MARCH 24. IN DISCUSSING THE SPEECH, HE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THE TIMING OF GIEREK' S REMARKS WAS NOT ACCIDENTAL, BUT HE REFUSED TO BE DRAWN OUT FURTHER, OTHER THAN TO COMMENT SOMEWHAT ACIDLY THAT ONE COULD NOT REALLY SPEAK OF A " DIALOGUE" WHEN BOTH SIDES WERE SO ENTRENCHED IN THEIR POSITIONS.

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